

"...there is so much convenience, but so little comfort. Everyone is tired. Our attention is over-extended, over-stimulated, and over-commodified, making us twitchy, unfocused, and, in a very crude sense, afraid."

"I once heard that a library is one of the few remaining places that cares more about you than your wallet. It means that a person can be a *person* there: not a customer, not a user, not an economic agent, not a pair of eyes to monetize, but a citizen and community member, a reader and a thinker, a mind and—God, I am going to say it—a *soul*."

"Commerce can fail us, because money and people sometimes have disagreements about what is valuable."

Internet over-stimulation. I think this is the reality for most people, yet we continue to use it every day. It is so weird how we do that. More now than ever, the online space that is the internet has become something that was designed to invade your privacy, learn about your habits, and get you to spend more time where it wants your attention. I think it is much harder to find truly safe spaces online than it was when it was first starting up. Monetization has really impacted the way that the internet runs. Ads are everywhere. Sometimes it can be scary to question why the ones you see always seem to be related to your interests or previous thoughts.

